

### **ARTICLE III. LARGE PARTIES, GATHERINGS OR EVENTS**

#### **Sec. 5-30. Purpose.**

The city finds and determines that the control of large parties, gatherings or events on private property is necessary when such continued activity is determined to be a threat to the peace, health, safety or general welfare of the public. Police officers are often required to make several return trips to a location of a party, gathering or event in response to complaints, in order to disperse uncooperative participants or enforce criminal laws, and the return of police officers to a location constitutes a drain of personnel and resources which may leave other areas of the city without minimal levels of police protection, all of which creates a significant hazard to the safety of the police officers and to the public in general.  
(Ord. No. 94.29, 12-8-94)

#### **Sec. 5-31. Definitions.**

For the purpose of this article, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) *Large party, gathering or event* means a party, gathering or event of five (5) or more persons who have assembled or are assembling for a social activity or for a special occasion in a manner which constitutes a substantial disturbance of the quiet enjoyment of private or public property. This includes, but is not limited to, excessive noise or traffic, obstruction of public streets by crowds or vehicles, public drunkenness, the service of alcohol to minors, fights, disturbances of the peace and litter.
- (2) *Police services* means the service fee as shown by a schedule adopted by the police chief which is based on the number of officers and units, per hour, to respond to or remain at the large party, gathering or event; which schedule may also include any appropriate overhead; the cost of any medical treatment to injured officers; any loss or damage incurred by the department, and the cost of repairing any damaged city equipment or property;
- (3) *Responsible person* means the person who owns the property where the large party, gathering or event takes place; or the person in charge of the premises; or the person who organized the large party, gathering or event. If such a person is minor, the term "responsible person" includes, in addition to the minor, the minor's parents or guardians;
- (4) *Special security assignment* means the police services provided during a second or subsequent call during a ninety (90) day period to the location of a large party, gathering or event after the distribution of a written warning that a police service fee may be imposed for costs incurred by the city for any subsequent police response.

(Ord. No. 94.29, 12-8-94; Ord. No. 2003.29, 10-30-03)

**Sec. 5-32. Recovery of costs for police services.**

(a) When any police officer responds to any large party, gathering or event and that police officer determines that there is a threat to the public peace, health, safety or general welfare, the police officer shall issue a written notice to any responsible party that a second or subsequent response to any large party, gathering or event at that same location or address within ninety (90) days of the first response shall be deemed a special security assignment rendered to provide security and order on behalf of the large party, gathering or event, and that any responsible party may be liable for a police service fee for such special security assignment. The return call, or second or subsequent response, may also result in the arrest or citation of violators of state law or city ordinances.

(b) If, after written notice provided in subsection (a), a second or subsequent police response or responses is necessary to the same location or address within ninety (90) days of the first response, such response shall be deemed a special security assignment and subject to police service fee as provided in this article.

(Ord. No. 94.29, 12-8-94; Ord. No. 2003.29, 10-30-03)